

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the portions of the Specification identified below to read as indicated herein.

Paragraph starting at page 4, line 18:

a According to Fig. 2 the supporting device 7 has a supporting plate 8, which is built into the equipment 1 as an integral component or may be attached to the equipment 1 as a separate component. In this case, the supporting plate 8 has an appropriate connector, more particularly quick-connector, on the side 9 of the equipment 1, on the far side from the viewer. These connectors are marked as 10 in Fig. 3-7 and are designed in a hooked shape. The supporting plate 8 has two sliding guides 11 on its near side from the viewer in Fig. 2, which are arranged parallel to one another and each run from top to bottom along the supporting plate 8. The supporting device ~~4~~ 7 also has a U-shaped supporting frame 12, the U-Shanks 13 of which may be adjustably fitted in the sliding guide 11 at the opposite ends 31 from their U-base 14. Sideways protruding pins 15 are also built onto these supporting frame ends 31 on both sides of each U-shank 13. These pins 15 attach to the guiding track 16 of the sliding guide 11. The pins 15 also reach behind the sliding edges 17 on the near side towards the viewer and the supporting frame 12.

Paragraph starting at page 4, line 32:

ak For each U-shank 13, the supporting device 7 also has a lever 18, each of which may be swivel-mounted at one end on a supporting frame 12 or its U-shank 13 around the first swivel-axis 19. These ~~bearing points (19)~~ first swivel axes 19 are thus positioned between the ends of the supporting frame 12 and the U-shank 13. The preferred formation is one that is relatively near to the respective sliding guide 11. The sub-surface, on which is placed the end 20 of the supporting frame 12 leading from the supporting plate 8, as well as the lower end 21 of the supporting plate 8, is not shown in Fig. 2. In Fig. 3-7, this surface is marked as 22.

Paragraph starting at page 5, line 12:

az Each lever 18 is swivel-mounted at the end opposite from its supporting frame 14 on the supporting plate 8 around a second swivel axis 23, which runs parallel to the first swivel axis 19. ~~This support (23)~~ Second swivel axis 23 is thus arranged near the lower end 21 of the supporting plate 8 underneath its respective sliding guide 11.

Paragraph starting at page 5, line 22:

af Each sliding guide 11 has a sliding edge 25, adjacent to the side of the supporting plate 8 nearest to the equipment-9₁, from which a slotted link outline 26 protrudes into the supporting frame 12. The slotted link outline 26 has several locking recesses 27, into which the supporting frame end 31 leading to the respective sliding guide 11 may be tightly fitted in order to support the supporting plate 8.

Paragraph starting at page 6, line 20:

as According to Fig. 7, the length of the lever 18, supporting frame 12, as well as the positioning of the bearing points or swivel axes 19 and 23 are coordinated in such a way that results in kinematics making it possible, in conjunction with the accordingly arranged sliding guide 11, to set a maximal setting for the supporting frame 12 as shown in Fig.7. In this, the supporting frame 12 rests on the supporting surface 22 on its inner side. The supporting plate 8 rests on the outside of the supporting frame 12 with its support area 30 arranged above the sliding guide 11. With this, kinematics is selected such that the supporting frame end 20 at the opposite end from the sliding guide 11, with which the supporting frame 12 is supported in Fig.3-6 on the surface 22, covers a relatively small sideways range 32 (indicated by a brace) over the support area 30 of the supporting plate 8. This means that even with the maximum setting for the supporting frame 12, the necessary storage space for the supporting device 7 is only slightly larger than the outer contours of the entire ~~support system~~ supporting device 7. With a configuration such as in Fig. 1, this means that even in this maximum setting, the necessary storage space remains less than the outer contours of the casing 2 of the equipment 1. The supporting device 7 therefore requires no additional storage space in settings as in Fig.4-7.